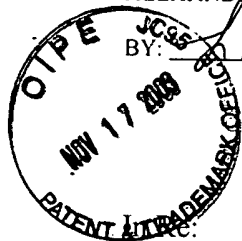


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**PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a (4) Four-month extension of time to and including November 19, 2003, for responding to the Notice of Appeal filed in the above-captioned application dated May 19, 2003. A request under 37 CFR 1.114 for continued examination and a Preliminary Amendment accompanies this Petition.

- [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_.00 is enclosed herewith.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **50-0310 (Billing No. 059995-5002-01)** as noted below. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.
- [X] Extension fee in the amount of **\$740.00**.
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